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INTERPRETATION OF THE EFFECTS OF A FULL-YEAR CONTINUING RESOLUTION (CR) ON DISCRETIONARY SPENDING CAPS AND THE BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT OF 1985 (BBEDCA)

A full-year CR is sufficient to meet the requirement for reversal of the revised discretionary spending caps for FY 2025 pursuant to section 251(e)(3) of BBEDCA. That provision requires enactment into law of each of the full-year discretionary appropriations Acts for FY 2025. This requirement is satisfied by a full-year CR because a full-year CR itself is a full-year discretionary appropriations Act (having originated under the jurisdiction of the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations) and because it functionally re-enacts each of the discretionary appropriations divisions contained in the final FY 2024 enacted appropriations measures (P.L. 118-42 and P.L. 118-47).

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